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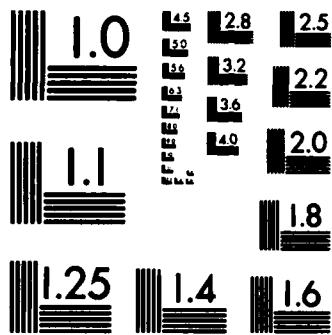
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A great deal of progress was made during the course of the contract on the fabrication of the components needed for the Mark III interferometer. This contract is for the second year of a four-year effort to build a long baseline interferometer for astrometry. At present, all of the mechanical, optical, electronic, and software components that are necessary for initial fringe observations have been designed, fabricated, or written. During the months of June and July, we will be shipping this equipment to Mt. Wilson. During July and August, we will be assembling, testing, and integrating the components into the instrument. We expect the first light in September. The Mark III will be the first optical interferometric observatory in the U.S. and the first astrometric observatory to use a stellar interferometer. ↙

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